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Ahmadiyya Jamaats in the United Kingdom

recently held their Annual Conference in London. The photograph shows all those who helped, one way or the other, to make the conference a huge success. In the middle are seated (left to right) Chaudhri Sharif Ahmad Bajwa, Imam of the London Mosque, Mr. B.A. Orchard, Ahmadiyya Missionary for Scotland and Maulvi A. M. Rashid, the Deputy Imam of the London Mosque.

احمدیہ جماعتہائے انگلستان نے حال ھی میں اپنا سالانہ جلسہ منعقد کیا ۔ اس تصویر میں وہ دوست شامل ھیں جنہوں نے اس جلسہ کو ھر لحاظ سے کامیاب بنایا ۔ درمیان میں (دائیں سے بائیں) مکرم مولوی عطاءالمجیب صاحب راشد نائب امام ۔ مکرم بشیر احمد صاحب آرچرڈ مبلغ سکاٹ لینڈ اور مکرم چوھدری شریف احمد صاحب باجوہ امام مسجد لندن تشریف فرما ھیں ۔

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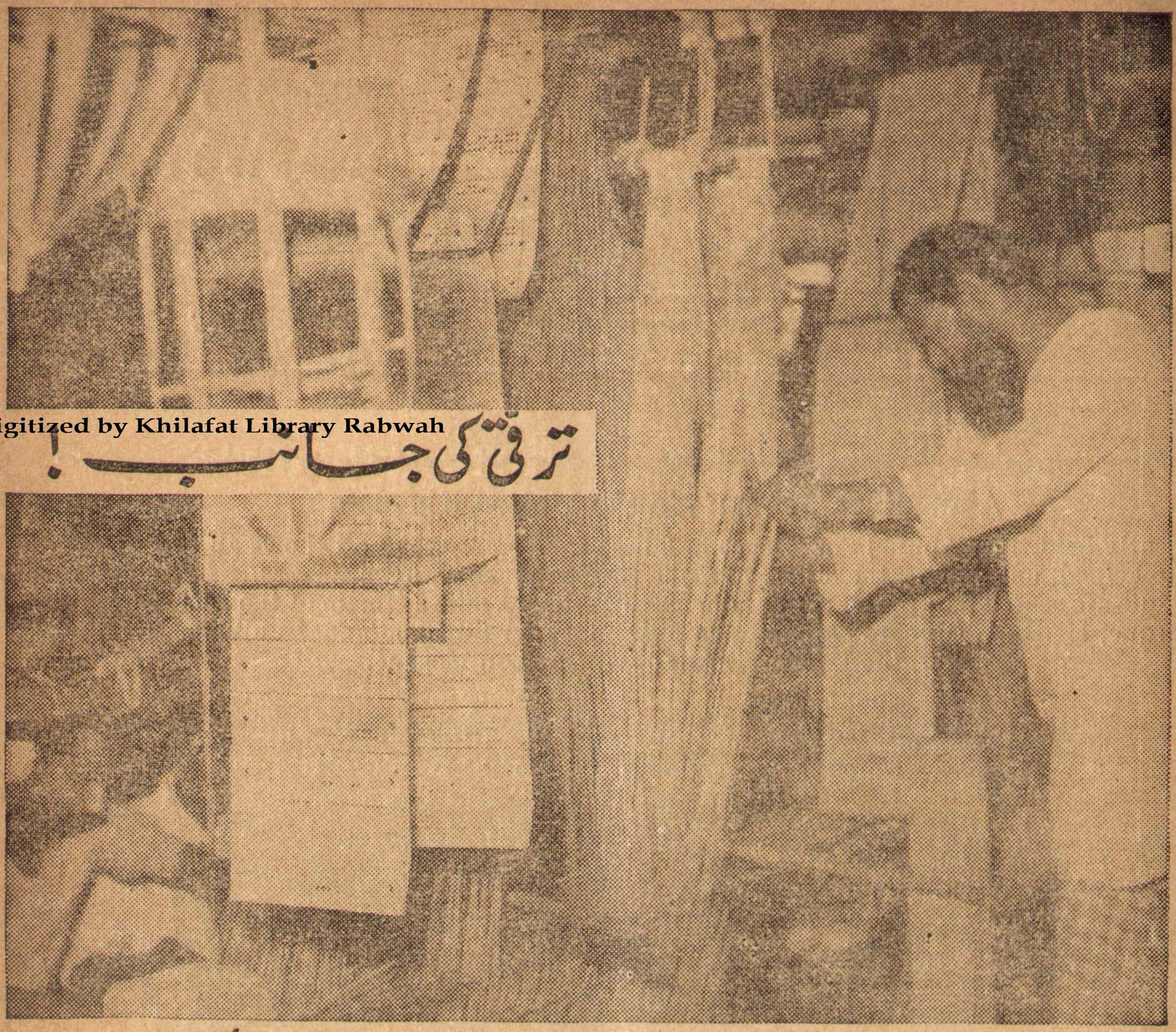

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پھر سُوت سے کپڑا! گھریلو صنعت کا ہر کام چھوٹا سہی مگر ہزاروں کا روزگار ہے۔
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اجمان، ام القوین، راس الخیمہ اور دمام۔ پاکستان میں ذیلی ادارہ یونین بینک لمیٹڈ۔
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Malfoozat

Real Happiness

THE truth is that the hearts are under the control of God. When He wills it, He makes it understandable to any particular heart that real and true happiness and well-being lies in the recognition of God. Behold, I am saying this thing now, but it is not in my power that I should make it reach the depths of the hearts. It is only God who can do this, i.e. He it is who revives them and keeps them alert and awake. All other parts of the body viz the eyes, the hands and other parts, are under the control of man himself. The heart is not.

You should not consider yourselves Muslim until your heart becomes Muslim and the heart cannot be said to have become Muslim if it continues to be receiving a sense of joy from playfulness and worldly sport. It becomes Muslim only when it de-links itself from the worldly positions and the pleasures of the world and its joys become bitter for him. When a man is passing through this state of mind, he begins to realise that he is not what he was before. Then he finds a pull in his heart and feels pleasure in the remembrance of God ; he begins to love prayer as he loves one of his dear ones and likes to see him. This is the root of faith. But it is not controlled by man himself.

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Let God be Your Support

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HAZRAT Khalifatul Masih III in his Friday sermon on the 24th of Fath/December, 1350/1971, laid stress on asking for forgiveness from God and praying to Him to grant succour.

Huzur recited the Suratun-Nasr and said, "Hazrat Muslih Mauood, may God be pleased with him, commenting on this sura says that it makes mention of the good news of the victories which the Muslims were destined to achieve after the demise of the Holy Prophet, peace and bleessings of God be upon him, the reason being that it was revealed after the victory of Mecca (and though there are some variations in the traditions) the Holy Prophet lived 70 to 80 days after its revelation. After that he passed away.

There are many things that have been mentioned in this sura. One of them is that at the time of trials and tribulations, which as a matter of fact are the result of one's own short comings and misdeeds-one cannot get rid of them without receiving strength from God.

"Istighfar means (the root of this word is ghafara) that one should aske God for His protecion and to pray to God that whatever has gone wrong may be righted.

During the period of the first Khilafat and centureis after that-and in fact, uptil now—there have been times of weakness, trials and tribulations-but the prayers that the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of God be upom him, offered in compliance with this behest of God (contained in the sura under reference) did thier work and also as a result of the prayers that we offer (in a reflective Capacity) the disorder was removed and the times of joy and happiness came back. But perhaps in order to keep the people alert and to waken them up, the trials also continue to visit.

That part of the followers of the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of God be upon him, which continues to seek after forgiveness and keeps on turning towards God, always finds Him showing mercy and forgiveness again and again. When did it happen that the followers of the Holy Prophet turned towards God and He did not shower His Mercy on them? Our history is replete with such instances-it has been happening in every age and every country is a witness to it-that God's Mercy has been showered on the followers of the Holy Prophet whenever they have turned towards God.

Now, too, we are passing through a state of anxieties and desperation but this state of affairs is temporary and transitory. We should seek after strength from our God and should very fervently supplicate to him that He may forgive us and remove our difficulties which have come our way through our own shortcomings and negligent attitude May He forgive us and reform us and open our eyes and guide us to the right path so that we may get rid of our anxieties.

He further said that "blood" and "death" are a part of Islam, for Islam actually means to get ourselves lost in God and accept a sort of death and thus get a new life through His Mercy.

Though the worldly people are taunting us and mocking at us, we do not mind any of there things, for God has given us the glad news that

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RABWAH DIARY

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IT is announced with great regrat that Sheikh Roshan Din Tanvir, B.A. LL.B, Editor of the Daily Al-Fazl passed away on the morning of 27th of January 1972. He was nearly 80.

Seikh Tanvir who was a practising lawyer joined the Ahmadiyya Jamaat in 1940 and shifted from Sialkot to Qadian to take up the Editor-ship of the Daily Al-Fazl in 1946. A prolific writer and a poet of repute he commanded great respect in the literary circle too.

During his twentyfive years tenure of Editorship of Al-Fazl, he passed through thick and thin of the opposition of the opponents of the Jamaat and he produced some of the finest editorials which are a lasting credit to him and brought him tributes from the highest circles.

Here at Rabwah, he took part in almost all the literary meetings and always recited his poems which had been composed long ago and had brought him fame in the literary circle. Some times some people took exception to some of the words be used in his poetical verses but he always pleaded for the expansion of the Urdu languages by using words of other languages and dialects. A few years ago, he published a collection of poetry under the title "Sur-i-Isra feel". Another one that he had compiled a few months ago, has yet tosee the light of the day.

We offer our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and pray to God that He may grant them all the needed protection and help in this hour of their grief and ever afterwards. Amen.

Majlis-i-Irshad

The next meeting of the Majlis-i-Irshad will take place on the 19th of Tabligh / February at the Masjid Mubarak, Rabwah. Hazrat Khaliftul-Masih III is also expected to grace the meeting with his presence.

The speakers will be Doctor Prof. Naseer Ahmad Khan, Sahibzada Mirza Tahir Ahmad, Sahibzada Mirza Khursid Ahmad. The topics of their speeches will be respectively :

(1) The Promised Messiah peace be on him was of Persian descent.

(2) The revelation of the Pro-Messiah, peace be on him, which runs thus ;

خذوا التوحيد التوحيد يا ابناء الفارس

and

(3) The principles of war as laid down by Islam.

The meeting will be held as usual, after the Maghrib prayer.

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Idul-Azhiya

Idul Azhiya was celebrated at Rabwah, as every where in Pakistan, on the 27th of January 1972.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III in his Id sermon announced that in future all the Ahmadiyya Jamaats all over the world will pray Idul-Azhiya according to the appearance of Moon as sighted at Mecca. He said, "We simply cannot think that Idul Azhiya should be offered anywhere in the world before the date fixed at Mecca."

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih remarked that a great urge had been created in his heart that since Haj and Sacrifice (of Idul Azhiya) are connected with Mecca which is the eternal centre of the Muslim world, and since we do not like that we should perform the sacrificial slaughters before it is done at Mecca, therefore he, who has been, with the grace of God, made the Imam of the jamaat, announces that all the Ahmadiyya Jammats all over the world would, as far as possible, celebrate the Idul Azhiya according to the schedule of Mecca.

In the end he prayed to God that He may enable all the Jammats to celebrate the Idul Azhiya nearest to the time that it is celebrated (i. e. when the sacrificial slaughtering is done) at Mecca.

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the sun of the supremacy of Islam has dawned. Even if the clouds of the black goddess cover it, it can't remain hidden for more than a short while; they can never keep the sun of the supremacy of Islam out of sight for all the times. People ask, how the Muslim Bengal will come back to us. I say, you talk of the Muslim Bengal, where as we are going to bring the whole world towards Islam. This is a promise of God, and one day it must come to pass. We can see its signs on the horizon of the supremacy of Islam. This is not the dream of a mad person, that Muslim Bengal will come back.

A mad person's dream is that Islam will be overpowered. Islam will never be overpowered".

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih exhorted everybody to get himself lost in God Who is source of all blessing, happiness and joy.

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Invitation

That is the abridged form of the "Invitation to Ahmadiyyat" by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II.

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Notes & Comments

The Muslim World

Mr. Z. A. Bhutto, President of Pakistan paid a two day visit to China to discuss the Pak-Bharat situation with the Chinese leaders. He was accompanied by the heads of the Air, Navy and Land forces and his Advisers. On his return he said that he was extremely happy with the results of the discussion...

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President Sadat of the U.A.R. has visited Soviet Union in connec- with the steps he wants to take against Israel to liberate the areas held by Israel after the 1967 war.

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The non-Bengalis living in Mohammad Pur and Mirpur near Dacca in so called Bangla Desh (East Pakistan) are under heavy fire from the Bangla Deshi militia. All the roads leading to these two habitations of the non Bengalis have been blocked and no supplies are reaching them causing a state of starvation.

It is said that these non-Bengalis have asked to be allowed to settle in West Pakistan. They fear that if they continue to stay where they are now, they will be killed or starve to death.

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The Shahinshah of Iran has said that if the peace of West Pakistan is disturbed, the consequences will be grave for the whole world. He further told the Swiss and the American newsmen that war between India and Pakistan will seriously affect the Defence policies of Iran.

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H. E. visits Bo School

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H. E. The President of Sierraleone recently visited the Ahmadiyya Secondary School, Bo. A report of this visit was broadcast on the 2nd of December 1971. The text is reproduced below :

AT the Ahmadiyya Secondary school, Dr. Stevens congratulated the Ahmadiyya Movement for the assistance they are rendering to the educational development of the nation and the new venture they had undertaken to provide hospitals and health clinics in the remote parts of the country. He told the school children that the best way they could demonstrate their appreciation of the opportunities now available to them was by working hard to develop a sound mind and a good character. Dr. Stevens reminded them of their duty to prepare themselves adequately to fill the places of the nation's leaders with credit in the future.

In his welcome address, the Principal of Ahmadiyya Secondary School, Mr. Anwar Hassan said that the aim of the mission was to equip children with education in an ideal atmosphere with due stress on the spiritual, moral, intellectual, and physical development of each individual.

He maintained that it was a matter of policy with the Ahmadiyya Mission to establish five Secondary schools in the country, which could interprete education as an overall training of children on such lines so that they could become self-disciplined and responsible citizens of the country.

(This report was also published in the Nation, Freetown in its issue for December, 3, 1971).

Gambian Minister Lauds Ahmadiyya Efforts

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Mauritius was the venue of the Commonwealth Medical Conference in November 1971. Honourable Alhaji Garba Jalumba represented Gambia on this occasion. Honourable Minister was given a grand reception by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association of Mauritius at its Head-Quarters, Darus-Salam, Rose Hill. Our Missionary incharge Maulana M. Aslam Qureshi presented the following Welcome Address :

Your Excellency,

Peace be upon you !

It is indeed a great pleasure for us to welcome you in our Jama'at which, as you may know, has been established by Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, the Promised Messiah and Mahdi. One of the prophecies of Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad "KINGS SHALL SEEK BLESSINGS FROM THY GARMENTS" has literally been fulfilled in your country. When the Honourable Haji F. M. SINGHATEY, former Governor General of Gambia embraced Ahmadiyyat, he wrote to our Caliph asking for a piece of cloth of the Promised Messiah.

Our present Caliph Hazrat Mirza NASIR AHMAD, paid a 5-day visit to your country on Ist May 1970 whilst touring West Africa. He was given a warm welcome by your Government and People for which we are grateful. Our Movement enjoys great liberty and tolerance in your country and at present it has many branches all over the Gambia and operates a Medical Centre at Kaur. Our Caliph has had the privilege to lay the foundation stone of a secondary school at Banunkunda in the Mombo St. Mary Division.

Under the Nusrat Jahan Scheme recently launched by Huzoor, more schools and medical centres will be established in your country Insha'-Allah. Already 5 doctors and 2 graduates are working there. We pray that they will fulfil their missions with zeal and devotion. We pray that Almighty God may bestow His choisest blessings on your people and your country so that they may always prosper.

We hope your stay in our small island has been a pleesant and fruitful one and we wish you a happy return to your country.

May we also beg you to present our respects and warmest Salaams to your people and Government and also our Community. May God bless you. AMEEN !

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Honourable Minister was pleased and praised the efforts of Ahmadiyya Jamaat in his own country :

The Text of the speech of Honourable Al-Haji Mr. Garba Jalumba, Minister of Health Education and Social Welfare of Gambia.

Dear Imam, President of the Jamaat, Sisters, brothers and my dear children ! It is impossible for me to find the words sufficient enough to express how higly honoured and privileged I am to night for joining in prayers on one of the most blessed evenings of this great month of Ramadhan. I feel honoured and privileged because, I have come from a very far-off country, called the Gambia in W. Africa which is predominantly Muslim, claiming 97% of its population all Muslims. The History of the Ahmadiyya Movement in my country is one of great happiness and joy to every Muslim in the world. Many years ago I happened to be first Gambian to meet an Ahmadiyya leader in Lagos

while I was there for a conference of the commonwealth W. A. countries. At that time Ahmadiyya was not known in my country. A few months later, an Ahmadiyya teacher was sent out to scout the establishment of the movement in Gambia. I am not ashamed to say, there was opposition at the beginning from other sects, not only because of jealousy but because of the ignorance of the fruitful work and benevolence which Allah has brought to the Muslims of the world through the Ahmadiyya. As soon as this was realised, the Imam who belongs to another sect and the leaders of the Muslim Community and youths like myself in those days were very glad to see the Ahmadiyya Movement established in Gambia. We were also fortunate to have in the leadership of the movement a great scholar, a very shrewd, eminent Muslim in the person of Sharif who opened the movement, He did all pioneer work together with the help of some Gambians including the distinguished leader, His Excellency the ex-Governor General, Sir, Faremang Singhatey. There are few Muslims who are opposed to the establishment of the Ahmadiyya Movement in the Gambia We are very grateful, in particular my humbleself who happens to be the Minister of Education, Health & Social Welfare at the time when the Honourable Hazrat visited my country to your movement. I had so many fruitful meetings with Khalifatul, we had dinner together, and I am proud to say as result of that great visit we are benefitting immensely in our Social services as you mentioned in the Address of Welcome. There are doctors operating not only at Kaur, but also at Salikene, Gunjur, Kwinalla and at Bathurst, not very far away from where I live in city. At the same time there is a plan to establish a unit which will operate a T. B. specialist, Opthalmogist, (eye specialist). All these are blessings showered on the Gambian Muslims by the great minds and tolerance and perseverance and kindness of the Ahmadi Muslims. We shall remain grateful for this medical service to the poor the middle class and the rich also. Thousands and thousands of pounds will be spent in this country by the Ahmadiyya Mission. This is Islam in reality. We are indeed hopeful that your Jama'at int his country will grow constantly and become as strong as in Gambia, Insha' Allah.

I wish to see the day when you would claim more than 50% of the population of this small island, with its picturesque and hospitable highlands.

I wish that Islam will come out very strong in this place."

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Concern for Pakistan

Ahmadis all over the world have great feelings for Pakistan. They do all they can to maintain and to boost the prestige of the country where they have their internrational headquarters. Below we reproduce a report published in the Paknews, Nigeria, dated December, 15, 1971.

Dec. 4, The Nigeria Ahmadiyya Community led by their Amir Maulvi F. I Anwari and the President Brother S.O. Bakare as well as other members of the Management Committee of the Community called on the Pakistan High Commissioner, Dr. S. M. Koreshi, today and expressed their solidarity with Pakistan on this critical junction of its history. Brother A. R. Solaja, past National President of the Muslim Students Society of Nigeria, was also present.

The Community handed over a letter of solidarity, text of which is as follows :

"We are deeply concerned about the recent situation in Pakistan, created due to the military intervention of India in the internal affairs of Pakistan.

"We express our heartfelt sympathy to the Government and people of Pakistan over the crisis and assure them, through Your Excellency, that our hearts and souls are with them and we are praying, day and night, for the safety and security of, and Allah's assistance for the people and the country, wishing them a great success in the noble cause they are fighting for. At the same time, we condemn vehemently India's undeclared war of aggression against Pakistan and her occupation of Pakistan's territory. We are hopeful, nay convinced, that in the event of fullfledged war against Pakistan, the enemy, however mighty it may appeear to be, will suffer a staggering blow, Insha Allah.

"Please convey our brotherly feelings to the President and people of Pakistan. May Allah help them overcome the crisis with honour and dignity."

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The General President of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat in Canada addressed the following letter to the High Commissioner for Pakistan in Canada.

The members of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam (Ont) Inc. are deeply concerned about the situation which Pakistan is confronted with at this critical time. We fully support the stand Pakistan has taken to defend her sovereignty and integrity against naked aggression of India.

A special general meeting of the movement was called in which special prayer for safety and solidarity of Pakistan were offered and all members contributed money for the defence of Pakistan. At the same time all the members showed their desire to sacrifice everything for the cause of Pakistan.

We intend, on behalf of our members in Canada, to send a deputation to your office to present our humble contributions and to convey sentiments.

Praying once again for the prosperity and solidarity of Pakistan,

Yours Sincerely
Syed Tahir A. Bokhari
General President.

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THANKS

Our Missionaries, Doctors and Teachers are to be found in quite a large number of the countries of the world. They come across books and newspapers carrying material which supports Islam, or which opposes it, or it just deals with a comparison between Islam and other religions.

We should like to keep a record of all such literature, here at the Headquarters.

Please do send us the cuttings of the newspapers and the books which can be of special interest to the Community. Thank you very much.

We are grateful to Dr. Anwar Ahmad Khan, Bathurst, Gambia, who has very kindly sent us a copy of "Is the Bible Really the Word of God" Thank you Dr Anwar, once again.

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NEW SCHOOLS & HEALTH CENTRES

Recently a Secondary School and Health Centre were opened at Rokupr, Sierraleone. We reproduce below the Welcome Address by an M.P. and the report of the occasion published in the Nation, Freetown, in its issue for December, 7, 1971.

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Welcome address by Hon. S.A. Kabe on the occasion of the opening ceremony of the Ahmadiyya School and Health Centre at Rokupr, Sierraleone.

Hon. Minister, Hon. Members, Paramount Chiefs, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen. I regard it as a great honour and privilege to be invited to address this gathering on this occasion of the official opening ceremony of both the Rokupr Ahmadiyya Secondary School and Ahmadiyya Hospital.

First of all, I wish to welcome you all and to express how happy I am that you have found time to attend this very important occasion. Today is indeed a wonderful day, and is all the more wonderful because, we have waited for this day with impatience. I am particularly happy because today's ceremony marks a very important milestone in the educational development of our country, especially Kambia District. Today we have with us here representatives of Ahmadiyya Mission who have helped to make this occasion a reality. I must express on behalf of my people of Kambia Central Constituency, our gratitude to this Misson for their invaluable contribution to our nation building.

I am justifiably proud that Rokupr town is gradually fulfilling our national desires. I wish to assure the Amadiyya Mission that the Government of President Siaka Stevens will do everything in her power to assist in the development of this Secondary School and Hospital. Also, I crave the indulgence of Government to put more effort in the development of the Muslim Religion all over the country. Once again, I wish to welcome all those present here this morning and extend my profound thanks to the Ahmadiyya Mission for the good work started and hope it will continue. My thanks also go to the Officers of Rice Research Station, for their untiring efforts in the development of this District.

Finally, I wish to thank E.T.T.C. and the Lebanese group in this District for their valuable contribution towards our economic development.

I thank you all for listening.

The Nation, Freetown,

Sierra Leone, Dec. 7. 1971

Mr. Bangali Mansary on Saturday officially opened the third Ahmadiyya health centre and secondary school at Rokupr, Kambia District.

In his opening address Mr. Mansary said that government upheld strongly its policy of non-alignment in all spheres of national development.

This open door policy, he said, provided freedom to all denominations and sects, to promote unmolested, educational, medical and social activities within their orbit, to their adherents.

The minister said that government

was fully aware of the mission's work in all aspects for the people of Sierra Leone.

He said that he had closely watched the progress as of the movement since 1937, when he first encountered and had discussion with the Late Alhaji Nazir at Rokupr.

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Concluding, he said 'indeed another mile stone is reached', we shall protect and assist the mission's courage.

The Secretary General of the mission, Alhaji Kamanda Bongay in a short speech disclosed that from June to November this year 1,024 patients had received treatment in the three health centres at Joru, Boajibu and Rokupr.

Out of this number, he went on, 3,538 poor people received free treatment and that plans were afoot for expansion work in remote areas in the country.

Paramount Chief Kenawa Gamanga, President of the Mission thanked the Minister and audience for sparing their time to be with them.

He reaffirmed the mission's unflinching support to the President, Dr. Siaka Stevens and his government, and said that they would always be loyal and dedicated to peace and stability.

Earlier, the Minister was accorded a thunderous ovation on his arrival at the school campus by a huge crowd, among which were Parliamentarians, Paramount Chiefs, District Officers chief dom Councillors and school children.

In his welcome address Mr. S. A. Kebe MP for Kambia Central vividly enumerated the indefatigable work of the mission in the Kambia District.

He assured the audience that it was the ardent desire of the government to encourage and assist development projects in the district.

The Amir and missionary incharge, Maulvi M S Shahid traced the history of the Ahmadiyya in the area.

Highlights of the function were traditional dances and a soccer between a combined team of school children and the youths of Rokupr.

Ahmadiyya Mission-Health Centre Secondary School inauguration, Rokupr - Saturday December, 4, 1971

Speech by the Resident Minister-Northern Province. Hon Bangali Mansaray.

Mr. Chairman, Honourable Members of Parliament, General Secretary Ahmadiyya Mission, Paramount Chief, and dignitaries of the Ahmadiyya Muslim sect, Ladies and Gentlemen, I am very happy and delighted to be here with you on this auspicious occasion - the Inauguration of the Health Centre and Secondary School in Rokupr of Sierra Leone.

As Government we have always followed a strictly non-aligned denominational policy in Education, and expressed a willingness to grant Educational aid to any Religious denomination, so long as it is in the interest of the people of Sierra Leone. It is in this Spirit that Government has accepted the services of the Ahmadiyya Muslims in Sierra Leone. And I am happy to say that Government is higly appreciative of the services rendered by them in both Medical and Educational spheres.

Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, I would give a brief History of the founding of the Ahmadiyya Mission in Sierra Leone and Rokupr in particular.

The Rokupr Mission was founded in 1937 by the Pioneer Missionary Maulana Alhaj Nazir Ahmad Ali,

as the first base for Missionary activities in the then Protectorate of Sierra Leone. I could remember him when he first resided at 2 Elk Street Freetown with Kandeh Bureh then Saidi Bai Kamara where he first started his Teachings of Islam. He was an eloquent speaker and historian, and was found to be a Theologian of both Islam and Christianity. I still have vivid memories of a day in 1940 at Rokupr when he invited us to a debate on the second coming of Christ. He expounded on the theory that Christ will not come again for he never died (on the Cross) but departed from the grave to Kashmir, where he lived for the rest of his life; and showed us the picture of his grave. It was a heated argument, and we cited history and religious events culminating in the resurrection and the coming of Christ.

In 1940 the very first primary school of the mission was established, and which has till today made tremendous impact on the minds of the people in Rokupr, Nagbema Chiefdom Kambia District.

It is interesting to note that plans are afoot for expansion of Health and Education in the Kambia District. During the period 1940 to day twenty one (21) Primary Schools, assisted by Government have been established by the Mission; five (5) Secondary Schools in Freetown, Bo, Boajibu, Joru and Rokupr.

The Mission has been able to establish 150 branches all over the country. Pakistani and Local Missionaries are responsible for the spiritual advancement of the people.

It is also interesting to note that 4 (four) Hospitals have been established in Joru, Boaiibu, Rokupr, and a proposed one in Masimgbi.

The Mission has future plans to establish Schools, Health Centres, and Mission Centres in many parts of the country.

Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen! from the foregoing it is quite obvious that the Educational achievements by the Ahmadiyya Mission in Sierra Leone within such a short space of time, is a clear indication that victory for Islam is nigh. As the Holy Quran says—I quote; "Al Nasr." These are but a few of the fine achievements by the Mission and I would like to add that we Sierra Leonians would be more extremely grateful for awards of Scholarships abroad by the Mission. I shall not presume to tell you in detail of their work and in any case I do not think that anyone is unaware of their record. To you people of Rokupr and Kambia District I say. this is a golden opportunity for you and posterity you should endeavour therefore to make full use of it by educating your children so as to reap the fruits and enjoy the results of such achievement.

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I now wish to extend sincere thanks on behalf of Government and myself to the Ahmadiyya Mission and wish them all success. I would also thank all those who by some efforts, donations or otherwise have directly or indirectly contributed towards the success of this occasion.

Finally, ladies and gentlemen! It gives me the greatest pleasure to declare this Secondary School and Health Centre open.

NIGERIA

The Speech by the Commissioner for Education Alhaji Ibrahim Gusau At the Opening Ceremony of the Ahmadiyya Secondary School, Minna on 18th July, 1971.

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Chief of Minna, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education, the Divisional Secretary, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen, Principal and Students of the Ahmadiyya Secondary School, Minna.

It gives me a great pleasure to be called upon once again to preside over today's ceremony. In many ways this, like the one I presided over at Gusau, is a unique occasion in that the same Muslim organisation has come forward in a big way to participate in our educational development programme by establishing yet another secondary school in this State in the same year. This is a very promising beginning and I think it is not too much if I again re-assure the Ahmadiyya Mission of my Ministry's full cooperation and support in this noble venture.

In view of this State Government's well known policy of regarding education as its No. 1 priority my Ministry welcomes any agency that interests itself in the promotion of education in this State.

At present there are 29 secondary schools throughout the State, and sixteen of these belong to various voluntary agencies and organisations including the Ahmadiyya Mission which has recently established one Secondary School at Gusau and now has established this one here. It is hoped that before the end of the current four year development plan the State Government will establish at least three more Secondary Schools. It is anticipated that the voluntary agencies will also establish four more Secondary Schools. Ladies and gentlemen, the State Government is doing, and will continue to do all in its power to boost educational development in the North-Western State.

As pioneer institution this school will naturally encounter some teething problems before it becomes firmly established. However with perseverance and goodwill from all concerned, these will certainly be overcome. Both the pupils and their teachers will, in future years, look back with pride and satisfaction at their achievements. Their successors will remember them with pride as those who have laboured greatly to establish the solid foundation for the future expansion and development of this young institution.

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I am happy to note that special prominence is being given in your curriculum to the teaching of Arabic and Islamic Religious knowledge, and also that care is being taken to inculcate in the minds of the students, the practice of the noble traditions of Islam.

However I must also take this opportunity to remind you very strongly of your other responsibilities. It is not enough to attend classes and pore over your books. Pure academic achievements without good manners is completely worthless. There is an adage which says: manners make man and this is more so now than ever before. It is the bounden duty of every one of you to obey the instructions of his teachers and devote his time to his studies.

Your teachers are to you 'in loco parents' i.e. they take the place of your parents while you are here. Their main interest and ambition is to see that you leave their hands as well behaved citizens and as potential leaders of this country. This State in particular, and Nigeria in general, looks upon you, the younger generarations, to lead it to a greater and more glorious future. This can only be achieved by hard work and examplary behavior which are expected from you. It is your responsibility to make this institution a lamp which sends its rays far and wide. You should therefore strive to be a shin-

ing example to those who will come after you Both the State Government and the Ahmadiyya Mission have spent and are still spending large sums of money to provide education for you, your brothers and sisters. You are the lucky few, there are hundred of thousands of children like you who are not so lucky as to benefit from this. This alone is enough for you not to indulge in any activities other than the pursuit of knowledge which is the main purpose why you are here. I am therefore warning you to guard against any act of indiscipline that will discredit you in the eyes of others and jeopardise your future. The need for greater discipline not only in a school but also in the wider world, can never be more stressed than now when materialistic outlook is threatening to displace the nobler moral values and qualities. You should not allow yourselves to be deceived or misled by the irresponsible acts of indiscipline in some other institutions. I am warning you now with all seriousness that there is nothing to gain by resorting to acts of indiscipline. Instead you stand to lose considerably in the eyes of the public especially in the eyes of the tax payers and voluntary organisation who are making sacrifies to provide opportunities for your education. I shall therefore call on you to make it your ambition that this institution will be second to none in matter of discipline. If you do so you will be contributing in no small measure to solving one of the perennial problems of our institutions.

I hope my warning and advice to you this morning have not fallen on deaf ears, and that they will echo beyond the confines of this institution so as to reach others like you. Finally, I hope you will make the best use of the opportunities provided for you in this institution.

I wish you the best of luck. Assalamo alaikum!

The Speech of the Commissioner for education. Alhaji Ibrahim Gusau at the opening ceremony of the Ahmadiyya Secondary School, Gusau on 8th July, 1971.

The Amir and Missionary in-charge of the Ahmadiyya Mission in Nigeria, Sarkin Kudu, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education, District Officer, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen, Principal and students of Ahmadiyya Secondary School, Gusau

It gives me great pleasure to be called upon to preside over today's ceremony. This is a unique occasion in many ways because this is the first time that a Muslim organisation has come forward in a big way to participate in our educational development programe by establishing two Secondary Schools in this State in one year. This is a very promising beginning and I should like to assure the Ahmadiyya Mission of my Ministry's full co-operation and support always in this noble task.

In view of the State Government's well-known policy that education is the State's No. I priority my Ministry will welcome any agency which interests itself in the field of education.

At present there are 29 secondary schools throughout the State and sixteen of these belong to various voluntary agencies and organisations (including Ahmadiyya Mission). Before the end of the current four-year development plan it is anticipated that at least four more secondary schools will be opened by various voluntary agencies and organisations. In addition the State Government plans to establish

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VIRGIN BIRTH

"And when Allah will say, O, Jesus, son of Mary, didst thou say to men 'Take me and my mother for two gods beside Allah ?' he will answer, 'Holy art Thou. I could never say that to which I had no right. If I had said it, thou wouldst have surely known it. It is only Thou Who art the Knower of hidden things. I said nothing to them except that which thou didst command me—'Worship Allah. my Lord and your Lord ' And I was a witness over them as long a I remained among them, but since Thou didst cause me to die, Tshou hast been the Watcher over them ; and Thou art Witness over all things." The Holy Quran 5 : 117,118.

One of the sharpest differences between Islam and Christianity is mentioned in the above quoted verses of the Holy Quran. The Christians believe that Jesus, the son of Mary, was the son of God, even God Himself, while the Muslims take strong exception to it ; the Muslims believe him to be a human being, as human as anybody else, but a Prophet, and there have been thousands of Prophets like him.

One of the reasons which misled the Christians into this error is the virgin birth of Jesus. If no human being was the father of Jesus, who else but God could be his father, they say. Althongh there is no logic in this argument, still it is appealing and a little difficult to refute. And therefore the Christians took him to be the son of God.

The verses quoted above clearly show two things. One, that Jesus was not (nor was his mother) God, and two, that Jesus did not tell the people to take him to be a god. But nothing seemed to convince the Christians against their belief. However, in this age—the age when Islam is going to be in ascedance once again-God has planned to plant the truth in the hearts of the Christians. He is going to give them practical proof which they will not be able to evade.

Virgin birth, they have been saying, is the most irrefutable proof of the Divinity of Jesus. But it is they who have now set themselves to prove that virgin birth is nothing extraordinary to the extent that it should make the child divine.

"Sunday Pictorial", a Mirror newspaper (London) reports in its issue for November 20, 1955, as follows :

"Doctors, who at first expressed doubt and scepticism about the extraordinary po-siblity of parthenogenesis (virgin birth), now come forward eargerly to express views or offer guidance. And it is abundantly clear that many people, including doctors, have lorg believed in the theory of virgin birth, although they have never had an opportunity to air their views.

One leading doctor told me (Audrey Whiting) :

"If the Sunday Pictorial had not had the courage to bring the matter into the open it might well have lain dormant in the medical world for years to come."

Scores of letters have poured into the "Pictorial' this week on the subject of parthenogenesis. One theory on virgin birth put forward by many medical men is this :

That a child born in this way is really a delayed identical twin of the

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mother.

"Doctors say that such a child would hardly be a new person at all. It would be a part of the mother. This would support the theory of Doctor Helen Spurway, Lecturer in eugenics at London University, who first made the claim that males are not always necessary to produce babies. Doctors have told me that the letters from "Pictorial" readers on virgin births would be invaluable for medical research into the subject. Qualified nurses and midwives of long standing have written to the "Pictorial". They have told us about "strange and unaccountable births that they have known and which have completely BAFFLED doctors.

"Many people are angry or shocked because of our investigations. Mr. F. C. Tidbury of Guildford. Surrey, was fascinated. He wrore: When I was in South Africra some years ago I attended a native meeting on the subject of virgin births. The natives said they have proved among themselves that this was possible."

Mrs. Dorothy Shilton, of Shurdington, Glos., was impressed. She wrote: For years I have contended that virgin birth is in accordance with natural laws.....After all, there is a female spider which quite happily propagates her kind unaided; there are oysters that change sex; and the daphnia or water flea periodically turns out all females."

A thirteen year old schoolboy was intrigued. He wrote: "We have learnt all about this in science class. I think that virgin births may happen sometimes. My mother believes this could be true too".....One senior nurse wrote: "It is with great interest I read your articles on virgin birth. I have heard of such cases myself. I will do anything I can to help in your investigations."

Sunday Pictorial" again wrote on December 18, 1955:

Nineteen women out of the millions who read the Sunday Pictorial report on virgin births came forward to say: "This is my daughter; I believe she was born to me by virgin birth. No man was involved."

The newspaper closed its report as follows:

"This is the first time in medical history that the subject of parthenogenesis (virgin birth) has been scientifically investigated,

The fact is that Jesus was a human being as anybody else.

He lived a normal life of a Prophet, preaching his message (the Oneness of God and obedience to His Laws) and passed away like every other mortal being.

While in Palestine, where he was born and where he started his ministry, he was persecuted and put on the cross. But he had prayed to God that he might be spared the cup of death on the cross (Mark 14 : 36) and his prayer was heard (Hebrews 5 : 7) The evil machinations of the Jews were frustrated and he was saved from the ignominous death they wanted him to die.

He was placed in the sepulchre, from whence he came out as a disguised man (he looked like a gardener. John 20 : 15) and having met his disciples (Mark 16 : 14) and stayed there for some time Acts (1 : 3) he made his way to another land (India) whither he had hinted to go (John 10 : 16). There he was honoured by the people, who gave him a good hearing.

He died there at the ripe age of 120 years (At-Tabrani). His tomb is still there and is generally known as the Tomb of Nabi Sahib (Prophet) or the Tomb of Yuz Asaf (Yuz is another form of Yuyu, Jesus in the old

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Persian language).

Now when the Christians have almost proved that a child may be born to a woman without the agency of a man, it is high time our Christian friends thought over their belief in the divinity of Jesus Christ, once again.

God is very jealous of His One-ness and those who associate partners with Him do an unpardonable violence to His ever-abiding glory. May God grant all of us understaning of His True Self. Amen,

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three more within the same period.

As a poineer institution, this school will naturally encounter some teething problems before it becomes firmly established but you should not succumb to these difficulties; rather you should learn to overcome them. Both the present pupils and the staff will in future have cause to look back with pride and satisfaction as the pioneers of this school.

I am happy to note that in your curriculum, special emphasis is being laid on the teaching of Arabic and Islamic Religious Knwledge and that care is being taken to inculcate in the students the practice of the noble Islamic traditions.

To the students I say this is a golden opportunity for you to benefit from both Western and Islam Education that the school will offer you. Do not let the opportunity slip out of your hands. You should make the best use of this opportunity.

I wish you the best of luck.

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